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No action needed yet, but this just came in – great example of what reporters are looking for.

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Hi Nancy and Christie,

I'm late getting this to you, my apologies. He has no specific deadline. He reached out to me because of Superfund. While it is not strictly about GKM, he is inquiring about the process of how and why something becomes a SF site. Seemed obvious to me when I spoke with him that he needs a SF/NPL 101 backgrounder.

I am happy to handle, but George and I both thought you might want to take this one.

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Overall, I'm looking for a Superfund 101. I'm interested to learn about the community's involvement in nearby superfund site designations, the national priorities list, and the overall process of becoming a superfund site. I'd like to learn about the process from start to finish, beginning with the request for a superfund designation to after a site's clean up is completed, and communities' involvement throughout that process.

I'm also curious about successes, challenges, costs and spending, and the range of timeframes it takes to clean sites.

I became interested in the superfund program after learning that the community near the Gold King Mine is requesting superfund status after decades of delay. While the focus of my story will be about the superfund program in general, I plan to use that request as an example.

Also, I am also aware of the EPA's CERCLIS search. I was hoping to learn more about the database and receive a copy of the raw data.

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